

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction of the application to one of the following claim groups:

Claim Group I, including Claims 1-24, drawn to a stent; and

Claim Group II, including Claims 25-38, drawn to a system.

Applicant elects Claim Group I, including Claims 1-24, for examination on the merits.

In light of the foregoing remarks, an early favorable consideration of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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